REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Appln. No. 10/089,185

<u>REMARKS</u>

The claims have been amended hereinabove in connection with the RCE filed

simultaneously herewith.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of now pending claims 9-16, 18-20,

and 30-46 of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby

earnestly solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a

personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned

attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any

overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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